

## TO THE STAFF OF EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Thank you all for your continued overwhelming attendance and participation in the School Opening Celebration. Your cooperation in making this a truly prayer filled event enhanced our efforts to turn the Winspear to a place of worship. Thank you also for your generosity in support of Catholic Social Services, Sign of Hope Campaign. We will be presenting a cheque to the Sign of Hope in the amount of \$7,150.00. Have a fantastic school year!

Gerry McHugh, Executive Director

### 100 SUBSTITUTE DAYS - Local draw at 12:00 noon, Sept. 26/08

The draw for the 100 sub days granted through the Collective Agreement 6.2(b) to attend ATA Specialist Council Conferences will take place on Friday, September 26 at noon. All recipients will be notified at the beginning of October. If you would like to enter your name for one of these substitute days, please fax your name, your email address, and the name of the specialist conference you will be attending to the Local office on your school's letterhead to the Local (780-454-1250). Please indicate the day you will require the substitute. For detailed information about each conference, please visit the ATA's website: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)

### LOCAL PD GRANT APPLICATIONS-Draw: 12:00 noon, Sept. 25/08

PD Grant Applications (white-I per teacher) are enclosed in this week's mailing. The Local allots \$20,000.00 for PD Grants per year. A draw for the Grants-In-Aid will take place on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at noon. All applicants will be notified of their status by the beginning of October. Please note: you are only eligible for the Local Grant-In-Aid once every two years.

### ATA EDUCATIONAL TRUST APPLICATION-Deadline: 5pm, Sept. 30/08

Included in this week's mailing is an application for an ATA Educational Trust \$300 Grant being offered to encourage attendance at the ATA Special Council Conferences. Note: this grant is separate from the Local's Grant In Aid. Deadline is Sept. 30, 2008. Additional application forms can be downloaded from the ATA website (under Specialist Councils/Grants, award and scholarships/ATA Educational Trust).

### 12TH ANNUAL BEGINNING TEACHERS' CONFERENCE:

The Association staff is planning the 13th annual Beginning Teachers' Conference. The conference will be held at the Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall, Sept. 25 (eve) - 27, 2008.

**Registration is limited**, so please apply early to avoid disappointment. There is NO registration fee. Posters and information packages were sent to schools in an earlier mailing from the Association. For detailed information and registration forms, please visit the ATA website: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca) (see Resources For...Beginning Teachers' Conference).

### MEMBER DIARIES:

The Local has a limited number of ATA Member's Diaries available. If a staff member wishes a Member's Diary, please inform your Local Council Representative. Orders will be placed at the Sept. 23 Council Meeting. Diaries are being offered in both English and French.

### WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Never compare yourself to another.  
You were formed with great precision" ~ Linda Allison-Lewis

### Included in this mailing:

1. **Maternity Information Night Posters** ...two per school... please post and share. Call the Local to register: 780-451-1196
2. Applications for **Local PD Grants-in-Aid** (white) one per teacher
3. Applications for **\$300 ATA Educational Trust Grant**...two per school

**Printed on reverse side:** List of School Opening Celebration volunteers (Next week: list of priests)

### Meetings and Events

#### Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008

Executive Mtg. #1, 4:30pm,  
Room 406, Barnett House

#### Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008

Substitutes' Meeting #1, 7pm,  
Room 410, Barnett House.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008

Council Mtg. #01, 6pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House.  
Sandwiches available at 5:15pm

#### Sept. 25 (eve)-27, 2008

Beginning Teachers' Conf.  
Fantasyland Hotel. Visit  
[www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca) for info.

#### Sunday, October 5, 2008

World Teacher Day

#### Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008

Executive Mtg. #2, 4:30pm,  
Room 406, Barnett House

### Website:

[www.local54.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca)

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### Council Dates:

Tuesday, Sept. 23/08  
Tuesday, Oct. 28/08  
Tuesday, Dec. 2/08  
Tuesday, January 20/09  
Tuesday, Feb. 24/09  
Tuesday, March 17/09  
Tuesday, April 21/09  
Tuesday, June 2/09

*On behalf of the 2008 School Opening Celebration Committee, we would like to thank the following people who gave their time and shared their talents to make this year's opening the special event it was:*

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**SCHOOL OPENING  
CELEBRATION**

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